

MEETING MINUTES

Name of Foundation: The Renaissance Charter School, Inc.
 Board Meeting: August 24, 2007

School(s): Hollywood Academy of Arts and Sciences
 North Broward Academy of Excellence
 Renaissance Charter School

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Date:	Start	End	Next Meeting:	Next time:	Prepared by:
08.24.07	10:38 a.m.	11:47 p.m.	Workshop 09.15.07	9:00 a.m.	Mary Vecchione
Meeting Location:					
Charter Schools USA, 6245 N Federal Hwy, 5 th Floor, Ft. Lauderdale, Florida 33308					

Attended by:	
Mr. Kenneth Haiko, Chairman Ms. Laura Seidman, Secretary Mr. Dennis Clark, Treasurer Mr. Thomas Wheeler, Director Mr. Clarence McKee, Director	Mr. Jon Hage, President/CEO, CSUSA Ms. Debbie Von Behren, Executive VP, CSUSA Mr. Richard Page, VP of Operations, CSUSA Mr. David Cash, VP of Finance, CSUSA Ms. Lorrie Davidson, VP of School Finance, CSUSA Ms. Mary Vecchione, Board Liaison, CSUSA Ms. Ana Cordal, Principal RECS Ms. Donte Fulton, Principal HAAS Mr. David McKnight, Principal NBA
Highlights:	

Call to Order

The meeting commenced at 10:38 a.m. with a Call to Order by Chairman Haiko. Roll call was taken and quorum was established.

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chairman Haiko asked the Board to review the minutes from the June 20, 2007 Board of Directors' meeting and note any corrections or comments. The minutes stand.

Motion made by Mr. McKee with a second by Mr. Clark to approve the June 20, 2007 Renaissance Charter School, Inc. Board of Director Minutes. The motion was approved unanimously.

II. SCHOOL REPORT

Hollywood Academy of Arts and Sciences

Ms. Donte Fulton, Principal

- Ms. Fulton introduced herself and gave a brief description of her background. She has been with CSUSA for 2 years.
- Ms. Fulton reported the current student enrollment at 671.
- She reported that the TLC program (Teacher Learning Community) has been helpful to acclimate the new teachers to the school culture and environment.
- Ms. Fulton reported on the school activities and highlights.
- Facilities update includes the donation of land by the city and they are beginning the architectural design for the new building. This will be the first

newly built urban school in the state of Florida and they expect to open in the fall of 2009.

- Chairman Haiko asked if any of the schools were shelter areas for hurricanes and disasters. Mr. Hage commented that they were not officially but is built structurally to sustain this type of disaster.

North Broward Academy of Excellence

Mr. David McKnight, Principal

- Current student enrollment stands at 591, below the budgeted number of 625.
- Mr. McKnight reported on the school activities and facilities updates.
- The new building is waiting for final approval from the city. Total cost should run just under six million dollars.

Renaissance Charter School

Ms. Ana Cordal, Principal

- Ms. Cordal commented student enrollment at 625.
- Expansion for Certificate of Occupancy from 500 to 625 students is in progress.
- School and community activities and facility updates were reported.
- Ms. Cordal stated that the RECS PTO will be featured in the September Issue of the PTO Today.

ESOL Out of Field Waivers

- Ms. Cordal read the names and positions for teachers with out of field waivers from Renaissance Charter School.
- Mr. McKnight read the names and positions for those teachers with out of field waivers from North Broward Academy of Excellence.
- Ms. Fulton read the names and positions for those teachers with out of field waivers from Hollywood Academy of Arts and Sciences.

Motion made by Mr. McKee with a second by Mr. Clark to accept those teachers and positions for Out of Field Waivers. The motion was approved unanimously.

III. FINANCE

Ms. Lorrie Davidson, VP of Finance

- Ms. Davidson reported that the districts look favorably upon those schools that are financially stable and have a fund balance in reserve. She is suggesting the Board retain up to 1% of the FTE revenue in reserve to please the districts and show financial stability. In addition, the investors for the bond agreement were interested in seeing this happen as it gives credibility to their investment. Mr. Hage agreed with Ms. Davidson's advice and although we are not required to do this, it helps to protect the integrity as a private organization.

Motion made by Mr. Clark with a second by Ms. Seidman that for auditing purposes, Ms. Davidson is authorized to direct the auditors to set aside up to 1% of the FTE revenue as a reserve in a fund balance. The motion was passed unanimously.

- Mr. Hage reported that the state has notified the districts of a possible contingency plan for budgeting. The proposed plan could potentially cut up to 4% of the budget. He commented that we are preparing for this as best as we can and that there would be very little impact on the students and their learning environment. A claim has been initiated against this at the state level but still hope that the legislator will try to modify the situation.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

Parent and Employee Surveys

- Ms. Von Behren reported on the Parent and Employee Survey's with the Board.
- She also reported on the school grades and AYP for 2006-2007.

Florida Consortium Public Charter Schools

- Mr. Hage reported that he would like to defer the membership dues for this consortium until further notice. We are waiting for the impact of the school budget and a complete understanding of how this will affect our schools.

Motion made by Mr. Clark with a second by Mr. McKee to defer the payment of the membership dues for the Florida Consortium Public Charter Schools until further outcome of the impact of the school budget. The motion was approved unanimously.

V. OLD BUSINESS

Update on Compliance Issues with Miami-Dade for South Dade Charter

- On Friday, the contract will go forward to the committee. The main items which are concern to us are the district not allowing 30 days out from opening that if all licenses and permits are not approved they reserve the right to terminate and the district would have the right of first refusal on the property. Mr. Hage asked the Board for their support in negotiating on behalf of the Board. The Board gives their support.

Lease Agreement Between The Renaissance Charter Foundation and the Riverside Christian Fellowship, Inc.

Motion made by Mr. Clark with a second by Mr. McKee to approve the lease agreement. The motion was approved unanimously.

VI. OTHER BUSINESS

- None

Motion made by Mr. Clark with a second by Mr. McKee to adjourn the Renaissance Charter School, Inc. Board of Director's Meeting. The motion was approved unanimously.



Mr. Kenneth Haiko, Chairman

Date: _____